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Penitentiary, Rather than Exile.

Three years ago State Senator John

J. Macfarlane, of Philadelphia, was in-

dicted with three others for wrecking

the Bank of America and the American

Life Insurance Company. The others

were tried and sent to the penitentiary.

Macfarlane fled. The detectives looked

in vain for him.

The other day he walked into the dis-

trict attorney's office with his counsel,

was taken into court and sentenced to

four years in the penitentiary. He said

he felt better than at any time since

his flight. He has been in Brazil with

his wife and child, but absence from fa-

miliar scenes and the fact of his being a

fugitive preyed on his mind and he pre-

ferred to return, pay the penalty and

try to make a fresh start in his own

country.

Macfarlane is a college-bred man and

in early life was a teacher of the classics

and mathematics. He knows what it

is to be a convict, and he would rather

be than that a fugitive. Many a man

would steal if he thought he could

escape the penitentiary.

This man escaped, but he could not

escape the pains of exile and of con-

science. His case is a lesson. It is as

true as it is true that "honesty is the

best policy."

The latest on the extra session of

congress is that the President does not

favor a mint julep session. It is the

professional tariff reformers of New

York who are in a cold sweat about it.

A Tender Spot.

The Republicans, open and disguised, have

been telling us that if the Democratic plat-

form adopted at Chicago is carried out it will

"ruin the country."

Yet they insist that it shall be carried out.—New

York World.

O, no. You haven't the right end of

it. Republicans say that the Demo-

cratic party pledged certain things in

its platform and is bound by those

pledges; and, further, that the carrying

out of the pledges will be bad for the

country.

Why is it that Democrats are so

tender on the subject of their platform?

They seem to regard it as a forbidden

topic and those who refer to it as un-

neighborly and unkind. A platform of

that sort is not a thing to be proud of,

but the Democracy made it and should

expect to be reminded of it as often as

that suits anybody's pleasure or con-

venience.

Is every Presbyterian who does not

believe that Dr. Briggs should have

been suspended has to leave the church

there will be many a vacant pew.

The Art of Booming.

The collapse of the Sioux City boom

involves about \$50,000,000. Railroads,

bridges, stock yards, manufacturing es-

tablishments, a big dry goods house,

banks and the convenient trust com-

pany figure in the enterprise.

A city about the size of Wheeling as

to population was able to draw in money

from all quarters to build on a Chicago

basis. It is estimated that at least

methods are better but still wasteful.

There is also great waste in mining bi-

tuminous coal. Every ton wasted is a

robbery of posterity.

Now it seems that there is another

question for the World's Fair man-

agement to settle, whether the director

general is to direct anything or to be a

mere figurehead. In the name of all

that is Columbian isn't it about time

to have done with turmoil and conten-

tions? These things are not edifying.

They fill too great a part of the litera-

ture of the fair.

It is now well understood by the

students of Ohio Wesleyan university

that if any one of them tells the truth

about atrocious hazing in that institu-

tion he will be expelled. Ohio Wes-

leyan is not likely to be too crowded

for comfort.

A PITTSBURGH wife murderer, being

caught, tried to poison himself to

death. He gave a very reasonable ex-

planation of the attempted suicide—"I

don't like hanging; it is too brutal."

There is some refinement in that villain.

While the duke of Veragua is seeing

the American elephant, mayhap buck-

ing the Columbian tiger, his fierce bulls

are helping the Madrilenos to while

away their leisure moments. The duke

has a great herd of fighters.

THERE may be some entertaining

utterances from Presbyterian pulpits

to-morrow. This is a time of great in-

terest to members of that great church.

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

An organ which is 200 years old was

reopened in the Church of St. Clement

Danes, London, recently, after a

thorough restoration and renovation.

It was constructed by the famous

builder, Father Smith, and was placed

in the church two years after the great

revolution of 1688.

Longstride, an Irish hunter, the prop-

erty of the Monmouth county hunt, re-

cently made the second greatest leap on

record, a clear thirty-four-foot leap

from bank to bank, across the pond at

Hollywood, N. J., built in the center of

the grounds of the late John Hoey.

Ten pairs of Mongolian pheasants

have been sent from Portland, Ore., to

Mt. Vernon, Gen. Washington's old

home. They will be turned loose on

the estate to multiply and adorn the

grounds with their brilliant plumage.

The silkworm's web is only the five

thousand three hundredth part of an

inch in thickness, and some of the

spiders spin a web so minute that it

would take 60,000 of them to form a rope

an inch in diameter.

The output of the famous Kimberly

diamond field is limited to \$25,000,000

yearly. The product might be twice as

great, but it is not deemed wise to

throw too many of the precious stones

on the market.

A New England woolen manufacturer

who recently called on Secretary Carlisle

says he was told free wool would be in

operation within six months of the call-

ing of the special session of Congress.

A young lecturer at Harvard college

reviews each week the plays in Boston,

and advises his hearers as to where they

may most profitably spend money for

dramatic relaxation.

Mrs. Burlington celebrated her 100th

birthday at Danielsonville, Conn., on

Saturday by giving a party at which she

was present the whole day.

The law schools of Harvard and the

University of Pennsylvania have agreed to

have a competitive debate in the fall.

Arthur Day, of Fayette, Texas, has

been presented with twins by Mrs. Day

for the fourth time in six years.

There were letter-carriers in Rome as

early as B. C. 31.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Mr. Wickwire—How's this? Aren't

we going to have any dinner to-day?

Mrs. Wickwire—I guess not. That

woman over the way has bought such a

lovely new bonnet that I just haven't

got a bit of appetite. —Indianapolis

Journal.

Wearly Rattles—Please, mister, can't

you give me a little assistance? Mr.

Newcomer—Dig up this garden and I

will give you fifty cents. Wearly Rag-

gles—Better keep it, boss; you'll need

it to buy vegetables with.—Puck.

"I never realized until to-day how

terrible poverty must be," said Mrs.

Dollagill to her husband. "And how

did you realize it?" "I couldn't find

enough change to bribe the band organ

man to go away." —Industrie.

Smythe—I hear you are having a de-

lightful time in the suburbs—raising

vegetables and keeping chickens.

Tompkins—Not exactly. I simply keep

the chickens; they raise the vegetables.

Truth.

Billy Billington (tenderly)—What

## THE BRIGGS VERDICT.

The Church Must Suffer.

New York Tribune.

The church will suffer seriously from this condemnation of Professor Briggs. It has arrayed itself in opposition to the Christian scholarship of the day. It has made it impossible for any young man who accepts the modern methods of biblical study to enter its ministry. It has made itself, theologically, one of the narrowest, if not the narrowest, of all the larger Protestant sects, and it has committed itself to a view of the Bible which not only cannot be proved, but which Christian scholars who are listened to by intelligent people everywhere say can be disproved by the Bible itself. A sect which decides to stand or fall on the assertion that Moses wrote the whole of the Pentateuch may be respected for its sincerity and honesty. But no intelligent man who believes that such a question must be decided by the evidence of men who have investigated the subject will find himself able to join it.

A Matter of Opinion.

Cincinnati Times-Star.

Orthodoxy, or at least Presbyterian orthodoxy, is not one of the eternal verities of revelation, as it is held to be, but simply a matter of opinion varying with the changing sentiments of the representative Presbyterians. Again, every voter used his reason in casting his ballot. But this is one of the very things condemned in Dr. Briggs, holding the paramount authority of reason in determining what constitutes truth. It is heresy when used by him, is it orthodoxy when resorted to by the whole assembly? If not, then did not the assembly in condemning him, by the same vote condemn itself?

Heresy Trials Unpopular.

Philadelphia Press.

Most laymen in and out of the church probably feel that there is quite enough for a great church to do without giving time to trials, and this opinion is sure to affect the general body of the church. None the less, the action taken at Washington will keep from the service of the church many earnest and gifted men, and will stimulate the departure of others to communions accepted by the Presbyterian church as orthodox, but more ready to let the truth prevail without the aid of heresy trials.

Limited Scope of Inquiry.

Philadelphia Times.

The meaning of the vote is plain. It is that there is no room in the Presbyterian church for the modern spirit of inquiry; that the pursuit of truth must be limited, not by the text of scripture, not by the universal creeds of Christendom, not even by the accepted standards of the Presbyterian church, but by these standards as interpreted by the Princeton divines in their most extreme and most restricted sense.

Will Move People to Study.

Chicago Mail.

Incidentally many more will investigate with greater care these scriptures so full of apparent error, requiring so strong an act of faith to reconcile them with ascertained truths. All who approach them, however reverently, will, if they use the reason given them by God, learn to sift the good from the bad, the essential from the needless, the true from the false.

Represents the Majority.

Brooklyn Times.

The verdict of the assembly undoubtedly represents the sentiment of nine-tenths of the membership of the evangelical churches in the United States; that nearly one-third of the delegates to the assembly, and more than one-third of the clerical delegates, voted against it is a fact of infinitely greater moment than the verdict itself.

The Church Will Survive.

Baltimore American.

Whatever may follow in this case, the Presbyterian church will remain one of the strongest religious denominations in the country, with an earnest and well educated clergy, and with a laity devoted, conscientious and true to the teachings of the Great Master, in whose footsteps they seek to follow.

What It Means.

New York Press.

For the present it is enough to say that the vote at Washington yesterday points to a radical divergence of opinion which is not unlikely to bring about serious divisions in the church.

A Fresh Impetus.